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Security Council

10.30 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed) Democratic Republic of Congo (S/2003/1098) Other matters	Consultations Room
Morning[1]	4878th meeting 1. Adoption of the agenda 2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)	Security Council Chamber

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the General Assembly

The fourth meeting of the open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, will be held on Friday, 12 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. [A revised text of the draft decision by the President of the General Assembly, was faxed to all Permanent Mission, on Tuesday, 9 December 2003].

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3.30 p.m. 4879th meeting (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone

3.30 p.m.[1] 34th meeting (closed) Conference Room 7

[1] The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

4 p.m. 37th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

   (b) Science and technology for development (A/58/74-E/2003/58)

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.19, A/C.2/58/L.74, A/C.2/58/L.20 and A/C.2/58/L.69

   (f) Outcome of the International Ministerial Conference on Transit Transport Cooperation

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.16 and A/C.2/58/L.73

2. Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries [102]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.34 and A/C.2/58/L.68 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/58/L.45)

3. Sectoral policy questions: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin [92]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.2 and A/C.2/58/L.52

4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(a) Women in development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.27 and A/C.2/58/L.65

(b) Human resources development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.5 and A/C.2/58/L.56

5. Environment and sustainable development [94]

(a) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.26 and A/C.2/58/L.59

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7/Rev.1 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/58/L.43), A/C.2/58/L.15 and A/C.2/58/L.60

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.11 and A/C.2/58/L.61

(e) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.10, A/C.2/58/L.72, A/C.2/58/L.25 and A/C.2/58/L.67

(f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.14/Rev.1 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/58/L.44)

(g) Sustainable mountain development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.22 and A/C.2/58/L.58

6. Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development [95]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.9 and A/C.2/58/L.63

7. United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development [96]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.13 and A/C.2/58/L.70

8. Operational activities for development [97]

(a) Operational activities for development (*A/C.2/58/11 and A/58/168*)

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.24 and A/C.2/58/L.71

9. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.3, A/C.2/58/L.57, A/C.2/58/L.4 and A/C.2/58/L.66

10. Training and research [99]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.28 and A/C.2/58/L.53

11. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly [101]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.31 and A/C.2/58/L.64

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.23 and A/C.2/58/L.62

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 1

Informal consultations held by Mr. Henri Raubenheimer (South Africa), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee on all outstanding draft proposals

[1] Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 27th meeting Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [126]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.36

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/C.5/58/20 and A/58/7/Add.18)

Administrative expenses arising from the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Board (A/C.5/58/27 and A/58/7/Add.19)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/58/378 and A/58/7/Add.2); and Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: consideration of a draft resolution)	
3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: consideration of a draft resolution)	

[1] Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Credentials Committee

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala	

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

First meeting of States Parties

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 2
3–6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Opening of the meeting by the Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations
2. Election of the Chairman
3. Adoption of the agenda (CMW/SP/1)
4. Adoption of the rules of procedure for the meeting (CMW/SP/3)
5. Election of other officers of the meeting
6. Establishment of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrants Workers and Members of Their Families
   (a) Election of the members of the Committee under article 72 of the International Convention (CMW/SP/2)
   (b) Choice by lot by the Chairman of the meeting of the five members of the Committee whose terms shall expire at the end of two years, as provided in article 72, paragraph 5 (a), of the Convention

(c) Determination of the date on which the members of the Committee are to assume office

7. Other matters

[*Note*: Pursuant to article 72, paragraph 4 of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. As there are 22 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 15 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting].

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Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level dialogue on financing for development", and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37 entitled "International migration and development" (agenda 93 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	To be announced

Informal "informals" on follow up to General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (indicative programme of work of the Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

1.45–2.30 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Other meetings

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Group of 77 *(on Second Committees matters)*

9–10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
1–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Eastern European Group *(of the Fifth Committee)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Meeting of the Least Developed Countries with their development partners of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (agenda item 51) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Arab Group *(on Fifth Committee matters) (at the experts level)*

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Eastern European Group *(briefing by the Permanent Representative of Slovenia on the revitalization of the General Assembly) (at the ambassadorial level))*

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm

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Room S-226

11.15 a.m. H.E. Mr. Mohamed Bennouna, Permanent Representative of Morocco; and H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki, Deputy Permanent Representative of Morocco (on the South-South Cooperation Meeting of the Group of 77 (Marrakesh, 15-19 December 2003))

Guest at 12 noon Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Humanitarian Envoy of the Secretary-General for the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire (on her recent mission to that country)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 12 December 2003 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 2003 session from 15 to 19 December 2003 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2003 session is contained in document E/C.2/2003/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be an information meeting of the Group of 77 with the Director of INSTRAW, H.E. Ms. Carmen Moreno, on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia, on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Rom 9.

Meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries *(at the experts level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries *(at the experts level)*, organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Presentation of the handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*

A practical presentation for all permanent missions to the United Nations of the recently-issued handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*, organized by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the handbook will be distributed to the participants. Members of the permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 3 December 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the experts(s) is (are) being nominated.

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 9 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

72nd plenary meeting (continued)

Reports of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and People [19]

(a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and People on its work during 2003 (A/58/2 (Parts I-III))

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/66 and A/58/171)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/58/23 (Part III), chapter XII, section G, para.7, and A/58/L.21)

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and People made a statement, in the course of which he introduced the report of the Special Committee.

The Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.21.

The Rapporteur of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 81 to 88, 89 and 12, 90 as well as 19.

Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/470) [81]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/470) (resolution 58/88).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/471) [82]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 14 of its report (A/58/470) (resolutions 58/89 and 58/90).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/472) [83]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 32 of its report (A/58/472).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 58/91)	167	1	8
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 58/92)	168	5	3
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 58/93)	162	5	8
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 58/94)	164	5	4
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 58/95)	133	0	35

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 83.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/473) [84]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 25 of its report (A/58/473).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 58/96)	87	7	78
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 58/97)	164	6	4
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 58/98)	156	6	13
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 58/99)	150	6	19
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 58/100)	163	1	11

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 84.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/474) [85]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) contained in document A/58/474.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 85.

Questions relating to information: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/475) [86]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 10 of its report, as orally revised (A/58/475) (resolution 58/101 A and B).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the same committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/58/475).

The General assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 86.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/476) [87]

By 163 to 0, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/476) (resolution 58/102).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 87.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/477) [88]

By 164 to 2, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/477) (resolution 58/103).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 88.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/478) [89 and 12]

By 116 to 0, with 55 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/478) (resolution 58/104).

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 89.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/479) [90]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 6 of its report (A/58/479) (resolution 58/105).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 90.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [19]

(a) Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/480)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 26 of its report (A/58/480) (resolutions 58/106, 58/107, 58/108 and 58/109).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 27 of the same report.

(b) Note verbale from Saint Kitts and Nevis (A/58/601)

The General Assembly took note of the nomination, by its President, of Saint Kitts and Nevis as a member of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 19.

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of Algeria, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea, the Niger, Honduras, Guinea, Indonesia, Bangladesh Egypt, Lesotho, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Somalia.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/58/23 (Part III), chapter XII, section G, para. 7 and A/58/L.21) [19]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 19.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the draft resolution recommended by the Special Committee contained in Part III, chapter XII, section G, para. 7, and on draft resolution A/58/L.21.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 162 to 3, with 0 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution contained in Part III, chapter XII, section G, para.7, of the report of the Special Committee (A/58/23) (resolution 58/110).

By 154 to 2, with 8 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.21 (resolution 58/111).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Antigua and Barbuda.

The representative of France made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 19.

Wednesday, 10 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

73rd plenary meeting

Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [48]: award of human rights prizes in 2003; Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [117 (d)]: tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: joint debate.

(a) Presentation of awards

(b) Debate

The President made a statement.

On the occasion of the celebration of the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, six prizes were awarded to individuals and organizations who had made outstanding contributions to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. The prizes were awarded to Ms. Enriqueta Estela Barnes de Carlotto (Argentina), the Family Protection Project Management Team (Jordan), Ms. Shulamith Koenig (United States of America), The Mano River Women's Peace Network of West Africa, Mr. Deng Pufang (China) and Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello (Brazil) (posthumous).

The General Assembly continued its commemorative meeting devoted to the observance of the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

Statements were made by the representatives of Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Chile (on behalf of the Community for Democracies), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey, which aligned themselves with the statement), Austria and Ukraine, by The Honourable Digvijay Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs of India, as well as by the representatives of Kenya, the Philippines, Brazil, the Sudan, Cuba, Kazakhstan and Guyana.

74th plenary meeting *Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [48]: award of human rights prizes in 2003; Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [117 (d)]: tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*: joint debate.

(a) Presentation of awards

(b) Debate

Statements were made by the representatives of Eritrea, Lebanon, Ecuador, Iceland, Mongolia, Nigeria, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, Liechtenstein, the United States, Nepal and Canada.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 32nd plenary meeting, on 15 October 2003, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The observance of the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action was thus concluded.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 48.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 117 (d).

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

26th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [119]

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.32, coordinated by the representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [120]

The Committee had before it draft decisions A/C.5/58/L.33 and A/C.5/58/L.34, coordinated by the representatives of Colombia and Ireland respectively.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.35, coordinated by the representative of Argentina.

Before the consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.35, the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these questions.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

The Committee had before it draft resolutions A/C.5/58/L.30 and A/C.5/58/L.31, coordinated by the representatives of Belgium and Venezuela (Vice-Chairman of the Committee).

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these questions.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [134]

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/58/L.29, coordinated by the representative of the Netherlands, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

The Chairman proposed, and the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the note by the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/58/559).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these questions.

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3 (chaps. I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX) [12]

The Chairman proposed, and the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council that were allocated to it.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Costa Rica.

The Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee also made statements.

Corrigendum

Second Committee

Corrigendum to the 36th meeting of the Second Committee (see *Journal* No. 2003/236, p. 18):

(a) The text under agenda item 99 (b) *should read* as follows:

Training and research [99]

(b) United Nations Staff College in Turin

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.21 and A/C.2/58/L.47

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.47, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.21.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee was informed that The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representatives of Chile and the Russian Federation made statements.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.47.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.47, draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.21 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(b) The following text *should be added* at the end of the summary:

Organizational matters

The Committee was informed that additional sponsors had joined in sponsoring the following draft resolutions: *A/C.2/58/L.13 (item 96)*: Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Iceland, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Marshall Islands, the Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Timor-Leste, Ukraine and United Republic of Tanzania; *A/C.2/58/L.26 (item 94 (a))*: Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Uzbekistan; and *A/C.2/58/L.10 (item 94 (e))*: New Zealand and Switzerland.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Ratification: San Marino (10 December 2003)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (10 December 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Signature: Algeria (9 December 2003)

Signature: Australia (9 December 2003)

Signature: Bolivia (9 December 2003)

Signature: Brazil (9 December 2003)

Signature: Cape Verde (9 December 2003)

Signature: Cyprus (9 December 2003)

Signature: Finland (9 December 2003)

Signature: Germany (9 December 2003)

Signature: Guatemala (9 December 2003)

Signature: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (9 December 2003)

Signature: Ireland (9 December 2003)

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[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Signature: Uganda (9 December 2003)

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Signature: Poland (10 December 2003)

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Signature: Turkey (10 December 2003)

Signature: Venezuela (10 December 2003)

United Nations Convention Against Corruption, New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature until *today*, 11 December 2003, at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

Other announcements

Sixth Annual Summit on Staff Security

The Sixth Annual Summit on Staff Security, on the theme "After Baghdad: United Nations Workers Under the Gun", organized by the Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service and by the United Nations Staff Council, will take place *today*, 11 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the *Trusteeship Council Chamber*. The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte, will deliver the opening keynote address. The President of the Security Council, H.E. Mr. Stefan Tafrov, (Bulgaria), the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), Under-Secretary-General for Management and United Nations Security Coordinator, a.i., and the President of the United Nations Staff Union, Ms. Rosemarie Waters, will be among the speakers.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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